

Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment

Monday, 11 March 2019

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Environment held on Monday, 11 March 2019. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Fiona Young.

4. Green Waste Collection Petition

Resolved: That Option 2 be approved and that future provision be considered later in 2019, as part of the ongoing bags to bins project.

Reason: In order to respond to residents' concerns and progress the provision of green waste collection in accordance with the outcome of the bags to bins project in this area of the city.

5. York 5 Year Flood Plan Update

Resolved: (i) That the updated report, and the information presented at the session by the Environment Agency (EA) and council officers, be noted.

(ii) That officers be requested to prepare a report to Executive regarding an appropriate budget allocation for the work connected with signing up to be part of the Northern Forest through the White Rose Forest partnership and Leeds City Region.

(iii) That officers be requested to work with the EA on an holistic approach to the replacement of trees removed as a result of flood schemes, and to planting upstream and within the city to help with

Natural Flood Management, taking account of any notional fees to be charged for the removal of trees.

(iv) That officers be requested to develop a plan for an upgrade to Burdyke Pumping Station, to take account of different restrictions on funding streams with partners.

(v) That officers be requested to bring forward schemes with partners for:

- Clifton Green / Burdyke
- Shipton Road / Blue Beck
- Tower Street / River Foss
- Bishopthorpe Road (Middlethorpe)
- Naburn.

Reason: To confirm that the Executive Member is aware of the current position regarding progress on the 5 Year Flood Plan and to ensure that progress continues to be made on flood alleviation and prevention in the City of York.

6. York 13 August 2018 Section 19 Surface Water Flood Event Investigation

Resolved: (i) That the report at Annex 1 be noted and the key recommendations, as summarised below, be supported:

- a) City of York Council (CYC) to work with all partners to develop an increased understanding of flood resilience through the update of the Local Flood Risk Strategy and the communications around the York Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS).
- b) CYC to support the findings of the ongoing gulley management review.
- c) CYC to raise awareness of surface water management techniques with planning partners and internal highways design teams.

- d) CYC Flood Risk Management team to prepare a report for the Executive recommending the need to develop and fund a network of digital rain gauges in the city.
- e) All ongoing investigations and works detailed in the report to be completed.
- f) CYC to take a lead to ensure the ownership, management, operation and maintenance of Westfield Beck Pumping Station is clarified, as this played an important role during the event.

(ii) That a report on any outstanding issues from this event be brought to the Decision Session with the next quarterly Flood Plan report, with the emphasis on those areas where internal flooding took place.

Reason: In order to respond appropriately to the effects of this event, resolve the issues that arose and provide increased understanding and awareness of the risk of surface water flooding across York communities.